

Dear Prospective Gain,

It is with great pride that I welcome you to the World Famous Black Eagles. You are about to join the premier E-2C squadron in the Navy, flying the most advanced version of the E-2C, the Hawkeye 2000.

The Black Eagles have enjoyed more than 44 years of mishap-free aviation while accumulating over 87,200 flight hours. Our superb record is due to the hard work and dedication of ALL HANDS. We look forward to your contribution as a productive and positive member of the Black Eagle Team as we continue our fifth decade of mishap-free flying!

We are also extremely proud of our squadron team and extended family. You will find great support throughout the chain of command as we strive to work hard and play smart. Your sponsor will be responsible for ensuring you are introduced to your chain-of-command and that your initial personal needs are addressed.

You will be required to hold a no-fee passport due to our various deployments and detachments. If you have not yet applied for one, I highly encourage you to do so prior to detaching from your command. If you have any questions, please contact your current Personnel Office or your Black Eagle sponsor.

If you have any questions or special needs, please let us know. Our squadron Sponsor Coordinator, NC1(AW/SW) Balan (emilie.balan@navy.mil), will be in contact with you. Please contact our Squadron Duty Office at (805) 989-3285 if you need assistance upon arrival. In the event you fly into Los Angeles International Airport, go to the USO for assistance with shuttle service to NBVC Point Mugu, California. This expense is reimbursable.

Once again, welcome aboard! I am looking forward to meeting you and I hope you look forward to being a part of the World Famous Black Eagles!

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